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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims is set forth below. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A printer for a digital tachograph for a motor vehicle comprising:

[[-]] an elongate media output port with at least one bearing surface arranged to delimit the media output port in a transverse direction and along which printing medium slides during output;

[[-]] wherein the media output port comprises an elongate sealing closure arranged to be movable in the transverse direction and press elastically against the bearing surface by means of a sealing feed guide so as to close the media output port, and

[[-]] wherein the printing medium is capable of being outputted between the bearing surface and the sealing closure in an output direction,

wherein the sealing closure comprises an elastic seal with an elastic sealing lip which presses elastically against the bearing surface,

wherein the elastic seal has an at least partially sickle-shaped cross-sectional profile, a convex side of the cross-sectional profile pointing opposite to the output direction of the printing medium, and

wherein the elastic seal has a length limited by a first end and a second end, and, in a region of each end, a transverse end web in a concave hollow surface of the cross-sectional profile.

2. - 5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) The printer according to ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein~~ a plane described by a transverse end web is arranged obliquely to the transverse direction, so that the transverse end web forms an angle of between 30° and 85° with a longitudinal axis of the seal which runs in a longitudinal direction.

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7. (currently amended) The printer according to claim 6, wherein the ~~distance~~ distance between the transverse end webs located opposite one another at the two ends increases toward the sealing feed guide.

8. (currently amended) The printer according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, further comprising a ~~further at least two transverse web webs, each arranged in a concave~~ concave hollow surface between a middle with respect to a longitudinal direction of the seal's length and a respective transverse end web, ~~the further each~~ transverse web having an identical oblique position and arranged to run parallel to the transverse end web.

9. (currently amended) The printer according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, further comprising wherein the transverse end webs having ~~have in the region of their extent in the transverse direction, a complete and leaktight tie-up to a concave~~ the concave hollow surface.

10. (currently amended) The printer according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the seal comprises two components having different hardnesses, a softer component being arranged in a region of a sealing feed guide and a harder component being arranged essentially in a region of fastening of the seal.

11. (currently amended) The printer according to ~~claim 2~~ claim 10, wherein the seal is fastened to a boundary of the paper output port in a region located opposite the bearing surface.

12. (previously presented) The printer according to claim 11, wherein the seal is guided by means of centering projections and the seal is provided with recesses in a fastening region located opposite the sealing feed guide in the transverse direction, the centering projections being arranged in the recesses.

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13. (currently amended) The printer according to ~~claim 10~~ claim 12, wherein the recesses have, ~~for the centering projections~~, fitting surfaces formed by a layer of the softer component on the harder component.

14. (previously presented) The printer according to claim 12, further comprising a fastening component arranged to clamp the seal in the fastening region.

15. - 21. (cancelled)

22. (new) A printer for a digital tachograph for a motor vehicle comprising:
an elongate media output port with at least one bearing surface arranged to delimit the media output port in a transverse direction and along which printing medium slides during output;

wherein the media output port comprises an elongate sealing closure arranged to be movable in the transverse direction and press elastically against the bearing surface by means of a sealing feed guide so as to close the media output port,

wherein the printing medium is capable of being outputted between the bearing surface and the sealing closure in an output direction,

wherein the sealing closure comprises an elastic seal with an elastic sealing lip which presses elastically against the bearing surface,

wherein the seal comprises two components having different hardnesses, a softer component being arranged in a region of the sealing feed guide and a harder component being arranged essentially in a region of fastening of the seal,

wherein the seal is fastened to a boundary of the paper output port in a region located opposite the bearing surface,

wherein the seal is guided by means of centering projections and the seal is provided with recesses in the fastening region located opposite the sealing feed guide in the transverse direction, the centering projections being arranged in the recesses, and

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wherein the recesses have fitting surfaces formed by a layer of the softer component on the harder component.

23. (new) The printer according to claim 22, wherein the seal has an at least partially sickle-shaped cross-sectional profile, a convex side of the cross-sectional profile pointing opposite to the output direction of the printing medium.

24. (new) The printer according to claim 22, wherein the seal comprises a hollow profile and a cavity-surrounding wall having at least one of a circular form, an elliptic form and an oval form.

25. (new) The printer according to claim 24, wherein the seal has a length limited by a first end and a second end, and, in a region of each end, a transverse end web in a concave hollow surface of the cross-sectional profile.

26. (new) The printer according to claim 25, wherein a plane described by a transverse end web is arranged obliquely to the transverse direction, so that the transverse end web forms an angle of between 30° and 85° with a longitudinal axis of the seal which runs in a longitudinal direction.

27. (new) The printer according to claim 26, wherein a distance between the transverse end webs located opposite one another at the two ends increases toward the sealing feed guide.

28. (new) The printer according to claim 22, further comprising at least two transverse webs, each arranged in the concave hollow surface between a middle of the seal's length and a respective transverse end web, each transverse web having an identical oblique position and arranged to run parallel to the transverse end web.

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29. (new) The printer according to claim 22, wherein the transverse end webs have in transverse direction, a complete and leaktight tie-up to the concave hollow surface.

30. (new) The printer according to claim 22, further comprising a fastening component arranged to clamp the seal in the fastening region.